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Oceanside Harbor Dredging to Begin Late February

Los Angeles -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin the annual dredging of Oceanside Harbor in late February. The maintenance is expected to be finished by late March.

The prime contractor, Marathon Construction Corp., has subcontracted the work to Manson Construction Co. Manson will conduct the dredging operations with the hydraulic dredge *H.R. Morris* in the approach channel and in the entrance channels to Oceanside and Del Mar. Material removed in the dredging will be pumped through a two-foot diameter pipeline and placed on or near the Oceanside beach south of the Oceanside Pier.

Corps engineers said the dredging would keep the harbor entrance at a minimum depth of 20 feet to reduce the size of waves entering the harbor to protect small craft there. In addition, nearly 200,000 cubic yards of sand will be pumped from the dredge vessel to nearby beaches, helping to restore them.

The U.S. Navy and the Corps are funding the project. The operation will be monitored around-the-clock to ensure the safety of residents and visitors. Residents are requested to remind their children that it is extremely dangerous to play around the outflow pipe.

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